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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

The shortened statutory three-month period for reply expired on September 30, 2005. Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to October 30, 2005, and authorizes the Office to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 accordingly.